

TREASURING CHRIST in CHRIST Luke 24:13-35
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INTRODUCTION

Treasuring the Resurrected Christ (vv.13-16)

1. The resurrection of Christ was the central story
2. The resurrection of Christ is affirmed in His appearances
 - a. How I felt after a marathon
 - b. Christ appearing some 7 miles away...walking
3. The resurrection of Christ is seen in sovereign action
 - a. He drew near
 - b. He went with them
 - c. God kept their eyes closed
 - d. Why?
 - i. To teach them of the necessity of His suffering and atoning work as revealed in the Scriptures
 - ii. That their belief would be rooted in God

Treasuring an Inquiring Christ (vv.17-24)

1. Inquired about the subject of their discussion
 - a. Obviously affected
 - b. Disbelief
 - c. A great and gentle charge to those of us who talk too much
2. Pressing for details
 - a. Description of Christ and the events as they understood them - vv. 19-20
 - i. A human
 - ii. A prophet
 - iii. Approved by God
 - iv. Approved for men
 - v. Delivered unto death by the Jews
 - vi. Crucified (though crucified by the Romans, Luke puts the blame on the Jewish leaders)

- b. Hope deferred (messianic expectations) - v.21
 - i. Redemption of Israel
 - ii. **Acts 1:6-7**
- c. Given reports of risen Christ - vv.22-24

Treasuring the Biblical Christ (vv.25-27)

1. His admonition
 - a. Related to disbelief in the Scriptures (not even related to their own experiences)
 - b. It is not for lack of understanding that leads to their not seeing Christ. Jesus constrains their vision at this point even still.
 - c. They were foolish
 - i. Their own testimony said otherwise
 - ii. The testimony of others said otherwise
 - iii. Most egregiously, they didn't grasp the Scriptures
 - d. They were slow to understand
 - e. They didn't believe / trust the holy Scriptures
 - f. **Spurgeon**, "*How many a precious text have you and I read again and again without perceiving its joyful meaning, because our minds have been clouded with despondency! We take the telescope, and try to look into heavenly things, and we breathe upon the glass with the hot breath of our anxiety till we cannot see anything; and then we conclude that there is nothing to be seen. Do you not think, beloved, you that are depressed and sorrowing to-day, that if you thought more of the promises revealed in God's Word, you would soon see things differently, and would rise out of your downcast condition?*"
2. His necessity
 - a. The necessity of suffering
 - i. The redemptive story arc - types, shadows, images of OT showing Christ to be that suffering servant
 - ii. Isaiah 53
 - iii. **Acts 4:23-31**
 - b. The necessity of His entering glory
 - c. Atonement & propitiation (entering the holy places)
 - d. **Hebrews 9:11-14**
3. His Scriptural Presence
 - a. (From Moses) **Deut.18:15-18**
 - b. (From a Prophet) **Isaiah 9:6-7**
 - c. (Following Christ's example) **2 Peter 1:16-21**

Treasuring the Revealed Christ (vv.28-35)

1. Along the Way
 - a. Engagement of sovereignty and free will - always displays mercy (it would only be the person who believes the will is sovereign that would see such actions by God as a trick)
 - b. He does not turn away those who desire Him
2. Where we Live
 - a. He stayed
 - b. He blessed, broke, and gave the bread
3. Opening eyes
 - a. At the sound of His voice (the word)
 - b. With the Bread (**Luke 22:19**)
 - i. Taking the role of host
 - ii. Serving as the one fulfilling the Last Supper (essentially the last time they saw him together)
 - iii. Feeding the 5000
 - c. Vanishes
 - d. The teaching of Scripture was the burn
 - i. Upon having eyes of faith, they recollected that it was the teaching of Scripture that stirred them
 - ii. We have no real evidence they were not true believers at this point, for even their basic conviction was strong on the road, not dissimilar from those in **Acts 1:6-7**. But we do see the importance of Christ modeling what He will command them to do in **Acts 1:8**.
 - iii. **1 Thess. 1:4-5**
4. Treasuring leads to telling
 - a. It was late and they went back at least another 7 miles
 - b. Declared Christ alive to the others
 - c. Recognition at the breaking of bread
 - i. This shows us that we do not recognize Christ apart from seeing Him as the only redeemer and Savior. If he is lumped in with other religious leaders, He is not recognized as the Christ of Scripture.
 - ii. **1 Peter 1:24**
 - iii. Isn't it gracious of Christ to bring these men to such an assurance of faith that they would turn the world upside down for the glory of Christ?

Application

1. Do you see that the point of Scripture is about Christ and His world of redemption?
 - a. Have you been redeemed?
 - b. Do you believe God's Word to be true?
2. We must be compelled to learn and observe the whole counsel of scripture as it reveals Jesus Christ
3. We must acknowledge our tendency toward foolishness
 - a. Our sorrow makes us unreasonable
 - b. We forget the testimony of God in our lives
 - c. We neglect the Scriptures
4. We must reckon that we do not treasure Christ as we ought until we tell others of the treasure that He is. What excites you enough about Christ to get up and walk or run 7 miles just to tell others face to face? We will find any number of good causes to run 5 and 10ks for, but they all deal with healing a temporal hurt. Where is the effort to walk across a street to help bring salvation through the proclaimed gospel to the eternally perishing?
5. We must resolve to see Christ treasured in every sphere of our lives (home, in the church, in the world)
 - a. **Acts 2:46-47**
 - b. **1 Cor. 11:23-28**